

Sir or Madam

I am writing to inform you that I think it is deplorable and despicable for at Sinclair Broadcasting to be using its TV stations to disguise right-wing propaganda against John Kerry as NEWS. Of course, I am referring to the so-called documentary, "Stolen Honor".

It is quite apparent to myself and all of America that Sinclair Broadcasting's own conservative bias and partisan politics are behind plans to make mandatory the showing of this film on affiliate stations shortly before the election.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge you to take immediate action to protect the rights of American's by insuring that the Sinclair Broadcasting Group fully abides by all state and federal laws regarding the broadcast of election year propaganda advertising. Thank you.